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To: Memphis Charter Commission  
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RE: Recommendations for changes to City Charter

1. **Sell MLGW.**

Put a request out for bids and have independent, major consultants to assess and place a value on MLGW.

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Obtain bids from well-respected publicly traded utility companies who are willing and able to pay the assessed value. The purchasing company would be responsible for running MLGW with one of the advantages being that it would be run by experts in the field.

2. **Institute term limits** for the Mayor and City Council with two (2) four-year terms being the limit for each.

3. **Establish rules for voting on issues** which require a council person **to recuse** themselves when they or any family member or business associates are involved, either actively or in a consultant role, in the issues at hand. i.e., building contracts, lobbying for a company or position, etc.

4. **Automatic resignation** should be required if an elected council person or mayor is **convicted** of a felony or misdemeanor, whatsmore, the accused person should be **required to take a leave-of-absence until charges are cleared and not participate in Council business** or be allowed to vote on issues being addressed by that body during that time. Also, during that period of time, another person would have to be temporarily appointed to represent the accused member's constituency.

Thank you for the opportunity to express some of our ideas on the structuring of the Memphis City Charter. We believe that these changes warrant consideration by the Commission. It is also our opinion that citizens are, and will continue to be, moving out of the City of Memphis due to the issues (and others) addressed by these recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

